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SUBJECT: URANIT ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENRICHMENT PLANT IN
GERMANY

REF: STATE 75329

1. SCICOUNS HAS DISCUSSED URANIT ENRICHMENT PLANS
WITH STATE SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD (BMFT) AND LATER WITH
PROF. MANDEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, RWE (URANIT AND
NUKEM PARENT COMPANY).
2. HAUNSCHILD COMMENTED THAT URANIT APPLICATION WAS FOR
APPROVAL OF SITE (GRUNAU) AS PART OF GENERAL LICENSING
REQUEST BUT NO SPECIFIC ENRICHMENT PLANS HAVE YET BEEN
APPROVED.
3. MANDEL SAID THAT THE URANIT PLANS INCLUDE THE
STEP WISE CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRIFUGE FACILITY WHICH
EVENTUALLY WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY OF 1,000 TONS OF
SEPARATIVE WORK PER YEAR. HE SAID THAT THE UK AND THE
DUTCH WILL AGREE TO THIS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH MANDEL
FAVORED A SITE IN LOWER SAXONY, HE SAID THAT THE
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GRUNAU SITE WAS CHOSEN INSTEAD. MANDEL ASSUMES THAT
CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN THE EARLY 1980S.

4. ALTHOUGH THE FRG CAN LEGALLY WITHDRAW FROM URENCO
IN 1982, ACCORDING TO MANDEL THIS IS VERY UNLIKELY.
MANDEL STRONGLY FAVORS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN
URENCO.

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